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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
KAZUTAKA NAGASHIMA, ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATIONS BRANCH  
SERIAL NO: NEW APPLICATION :  
FILED: HEREWITH :  
FOR: PROCESS FOR PRODUCTION OF ASPARTYL DIPEPTIDE ESTER  
DERIVATIVE, NOVEL PRODUCTION INTERMEDIATE THEREFOR, AND  
PROCESS FOR PRODUCTION THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.